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Serial No.: 09/583,120)

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Confirmation No.: 1838)

) Examiner: Wyrozebski Lee, K.

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For: "A POLYMER NANOCOMPOSITE
COMPRISING A MATRIX POLYMER AND
A LAYERED CLAY MATERIAL HAVING
A LOW QUARTZ CONTENT")

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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January 30, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 30, 2001, please consider the amendments and remarks that follow. Enclosed is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), as well as the Form PTO-1449 and copies of the five references associated therewith, and a copy of *Ex Parte Dotter*.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 2, without prejudice.

Please add new claim 31, as shown below.

31. (New Claim) The nanocomposite of claim 1, further comprising an oligomeric resin.

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